

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Dopp et al.  
Title : Air Cell With Improved Leakage Resistance  
Docket No. : SP-1714.1 US

**Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 05-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,587,259	12/24/1996	Dopp et al.	429	233	03/09/1994
	US 5,518,834	05/21/1996	Yoshizawa et al.	429	59	12/14/1994
	US 4,439,500	03/27/1984	Gibbard et al.	429	27	07/27/1982
	US 4,369,568	01/25/1983	Dopp	29	623.2	02/09/1981
	US 4,184,007	01/15/1980	Urry	429	8	12/15/1978
	US 2003/0049508 A1	03/13/2003	Iarochenko et al	429	27	09/07/2001

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	CN 1366356 A	08/28/2002	China	H01 M2	00	✓	
	EP 0 940 866 A2	09/08/1999	Europe	H01M 4	86		
	JP 55-090,081 A	07/08/1980	Japan	H01M12	106	✓	
	JP 05047388 A	02/26/1993	Japan	H01M 4	86	✓	
	JP 06349529 A	12/22/1994	Japan	H01M 12	06	✓	

## **OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*


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